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TAGS: PINT, IR
SUBJ: ATTACK ON US-SUPPORTED PUBLISHING HOUSE

1. DECEMBER 22 PERSIAN AND ENGLISH PRESS REPORTED ATTACKS BY "YOUNG MEN CALLING THEMSELVES STUDENTS" ON FRANKLIN PUBLISHING CO. PRINTING FACILITY, OFFSET PRESS, WHICH IS JOINT US-IRANIAN VENTURE. PRESS REPORTS SAID GROUP DAMAGED SOME EQUIPMENT AND SHOUTED PROVOCATIVE SLOGANS.

2. SENIOR ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATOR TOLD EMBOFF DEC. 26 THAT ATTACK WAS BY TEHRAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, THOUGH SOURCE OF THEIR INSPIRATION WAS "UNCLEAR". AUTHORITIES HAVE REPORTEDLY PINNED INCIDENT DOWN TO STUDENT GROUP AND BELIEVE "SOMEONE" PUT THEM UP TO IT. SOURCE ALSO SAID AT LEAST SOME SLOGANS WERE ANTI-AMERICAN, PROTESTING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO IRAN. THIS ACADEMIC WAS VERY HESITANT TO SUGGEST THAT EITHER FOREIGN EMBASSY HAD EGGED STUDENTS ON OR THAT ELEMENTS WITHIN GOI MIGHT HAVE PUT STUDENTS UP TO DEMONSTRATION, BUT CLEARLY BELIEVED THERE WAS SOME SORT OF OUTSIDE INVOLVE-MENT AT WORK.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SURPRISINGLY LITTLE
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CHATTER ABOUT THIS INCIDENT. THERE IS GENERAL FEELING HERE THAT THERE MAY BE MANIFESTATIONS OF SOME SORT BY STUDENTS BEFORE AND PERHAPS DURING CARTER VISIT AND ATTACK ON OFFSET PRESS SEEMS TO FIT THAT CATEGORY. THERE IS NO INDICATION, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH MANIFESTATIONS, IF THEY TOOK PLACE, WOULD POSE SECURITY THREAT TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

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